

Three win weekend for field hockey squad

by Riccardo Sala

This is going to be a long season for the field hockey Yeowomen.

After a 1-0 win over the Western Mustangs at Lampont stadium last Friday, there can be no doubt that York will have to work hard to keep their traditional spot atop the provincial and national standings.

In Friday's action the Mustangs managed to keep the York offence in check with good spotting. On the attack the Yeowomen had a hard time getting the ball into Western's box.

York finally succeeded late in the first half. Veteran Yeowoman Jackie DeGoiej took advantage of traffic in front of Western's net, sending the ball past a prone goalie to give York the lead.

DeGoiej's marker was the only goal of the game, York being hard-pressed to improve on that single.

But the Yeowomen had a better time of it on their side of the field. The defence held up solidly, helping York goalie Michelle Caperauld along to another shutout in a so far perfect season for her.

The game was a pleasant result for Mustangs coach Andrew Griffiths, who last year gave up a 5-0 decision to the Yeowomen.

"The game swung," Griffiths said, noting: "In the first half we (Western) came out pretty flat, actually. I felt that the momentum swung in our favour in the second half."

"It's unfortunate that we couldn't convert more of our chances," he added.

This is another win under her belt for York coach Regina Spencer, who noted a few things afterward that the Yeowomen could have improved on in the match.

"They (the Yeowomen) followed the game plan 50%," Spencer said.

"We needed more movement," she added, explaining: "Western plays a slower-paced game."

Partially in defence of her squad, Spencer pointed out Western had the advantage of warming up before the York game with a match against University of Toronto. Western lost

that one too, 2-0.

Other factors Spencer cited as limiting her club's effectiveness included several unspecified injuries to her players.

Other than that, Spencer has to deal with a York club that simply is not as good as last year. Half the club is made up of newcomers, and molding them into the disciplined attack team that has characterised York in the past is a long-term program.

"The league is getting closer for everyone. York and UofT used to be stretches ahead of everyone, but now I guess the door is open," Andrew Griffiths explained.

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Soccer blowout

Led by Stuart McAscan's two goals, the York Yeomen soccer squad crushed a visiting Trent team 8-1 Friday. In other OUAA action this past weekend, the Yeomen tied the Carleton Ravens 2-2.

Yeowomen too...

The Yeowomen soccer team joined their male counterparts on the victor's podium this weekend, dumping the Queen's Golden Gaels 2-1 on the strength of goals from Barb Sajben and Anna Poretta.

Tennis terrors

Both the Yeomen and Yeowomen tennis squad took a pair of victories from league opposition this weekend. The Yeowomen's wins came in the form of a 9-0 shutout over Windsor and a 7-2 demolition of Waterloo. The Yeomen, meanwhile, led by Peter Bedard and Alex Nestor, got by Western and McMaster.

Volleyball American-style

The Yeowomen volleyball took their act on the road to Syracuse this week, and wound up with two wins and a loss. Taking part in the Syracuse Invitational, the Yeowomen took wins from Akron (3-0) and Rhode Island (3-1) while losing a tight 3-2 decision to the host squad.

All the rest

In an OUAA meet at Queen's this weekend, the Yeomen cross-country squad, led by Paul Leduc, finished a surprising third... the Yeomen rugby squad was dumped 30-6 by the host Western Mustangs... Admission for tonight's exhibition hockey matchup between the Yeomen and University of Toronto is free; game time at the Ice Palace is 7:30...

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